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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6072

INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

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SUBJECT: SWEDES APPEAL TO SOVIETS TO PERMIT FAMILY OF DEFECTOR
TO LEAVE USSR

REF: STOCKHOLM 5519

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1. THE SWEDISH PRESS REPORTED THIS WEEK THAT THE SWEDISH
AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW, GORAN RYDING, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS
GOVERNMENT, HAS APPEALED TO THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO PERMIT
THE FAMILY OF SOVIET DEFECTOR VALENTIN AGAPOV TO LEAVE THE
USSR IN ORDER TO JOIN AGAPOV IN SWEDEN. AS REPORTED EARLIER
(REFTEL) AGAPOV HAS THREATENED TO COMMIT SUICIDE NOV. 7 IN
FRONT OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM IF HIS FAMILY IS
NOT ALLOWED TO JOIN HIM. AND ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, AGAPOV'S
65-YEAR OLD MOTHER IN KALINGRAD HAS GONE ON A HUNGER
STRIKE IN PROTEST AT THE SOVIET UNWILLINGNESS TO PERMIT
THE FAMILY TO EMIGRATE.

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2. THE CHIEF OF THE MFA LEGAL OFFICE, H. DANELIUS, HAS
CONFIRMED TO THE EMBASSY THAT THE GOS AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW
RYDING HAS APPEALED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS TO THE SOVIET
AUTHORITIES ON BEHALF OF THE AGAPOV FAMILY. DANELIUS
NOTED THAT RYDING WAS ALSO AUTHORIZED TO REFER TO
THE PRINCIPLE OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION AS SET FORTH IN THE
FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI CSCE AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, DANELIUS
ADDED THAT THE GOS DID NOT RPT NOT HOLD OUT MUCH HOPE THAT
THE SOVIETS WOULD RESPOND FAVORABLY TO ITS APPEAL, AT
LEAST NOT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
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